

QCD, Capability Computing, and Sustainable Stewardship

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Outline

What have we done for you lately?

What can we do in the future?

- Fundamental physics:
Understanding strong interactions from first principles
- Capability hardware:
From the QCDSF to the BG/L, BG/P and BG/Q
- Optimized platform-independent software

Fundamental physics

- How do nucleons and their interactions arise from QCD?
- Lagrangian constrained by Lorentz invariance, gauge invariance and renormalizability:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m)\psi - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^2$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - igA_\mu \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{g}[D_\mu, D_\nu]$$

- Deceptively simple Lagrangian produces amazingly rich and complex structure of strongly interacting matter in our universe

QCD and Asymptotic Freedom

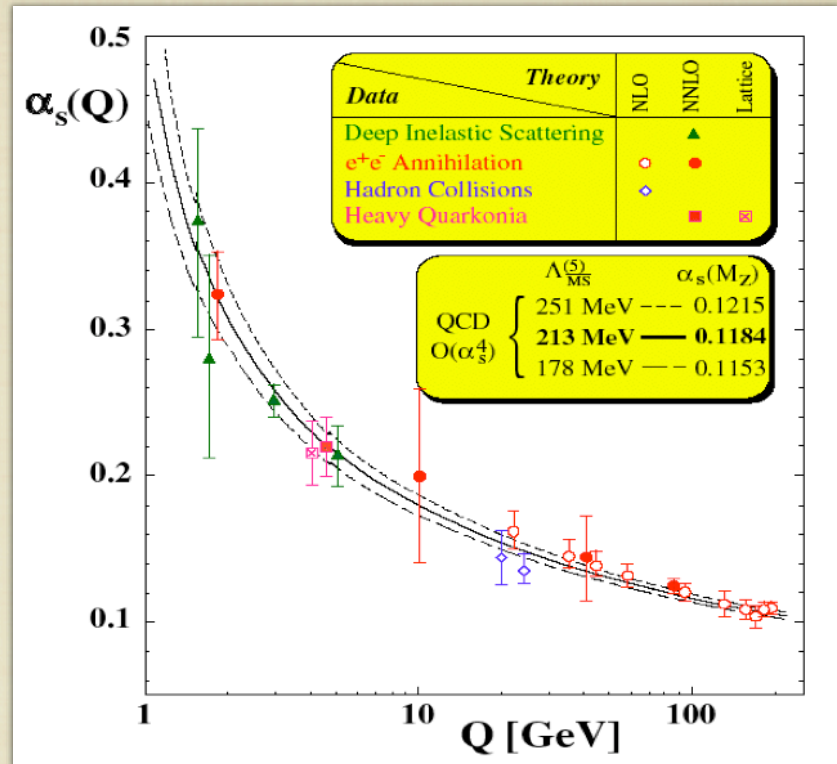


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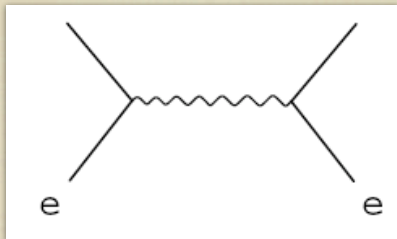
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The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2004 "for the discovery of asymptotic freedom in the theory of the strong interaction" jointly to David J. Gross, H. David Politzer and Frank Wilczek

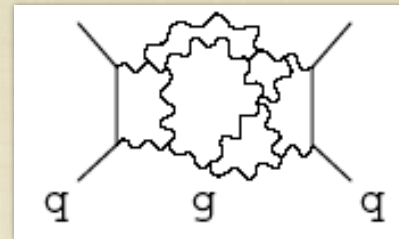


Nonperturbative QCD

QED



QCD



- Fundamental differences relative to QED
 - Self-interacting: highly nonlinear
 - Interaction increases at large distance: Confinement
 - Interaction decreases at small distance: Asymptotic Freedom
 - Strong coupling: $\alpha_s \gg \alpha_{em}$
 - Topological excitations
- Solution of QCD
 - Present analytical techniques inadequate
 - Numerical evaluation of path integral on space-time lattice

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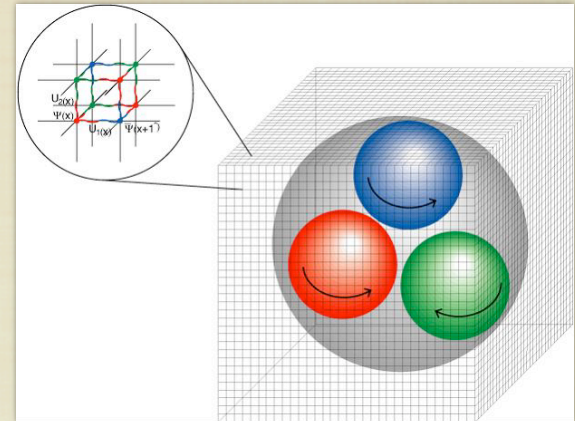
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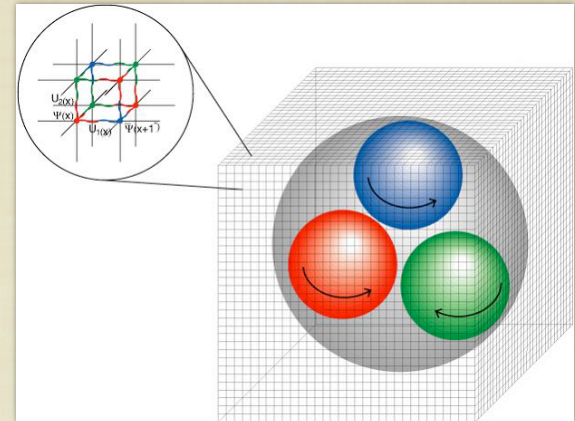
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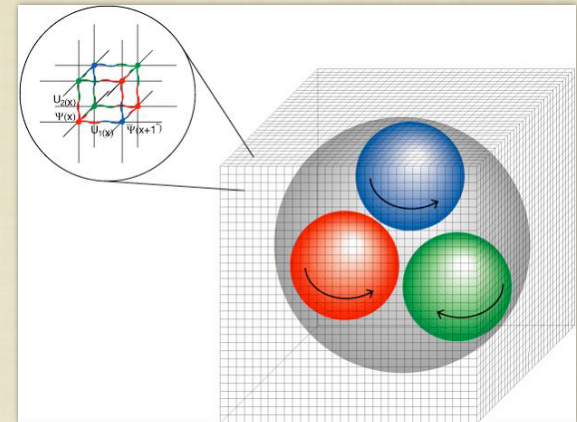
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Stochastic Solution

$$\int dx f(x) P(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x_i \in P} f(x_i) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$$



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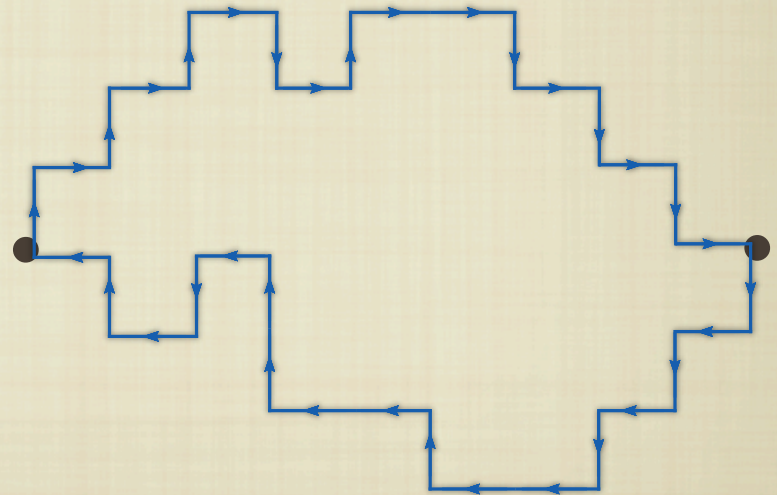
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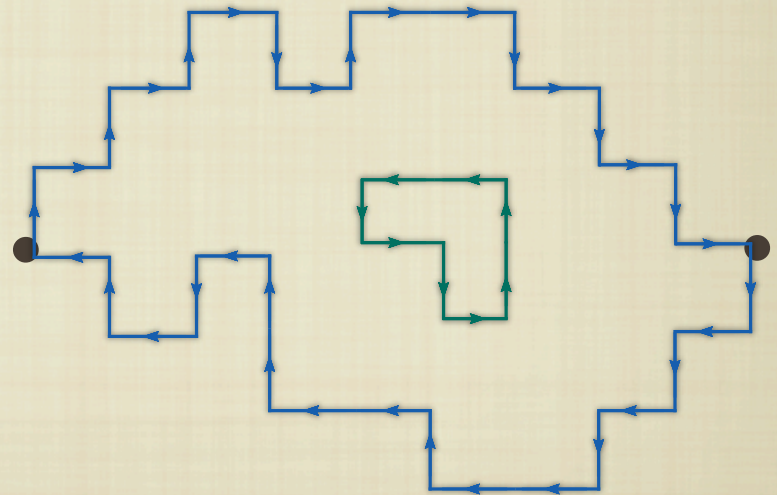
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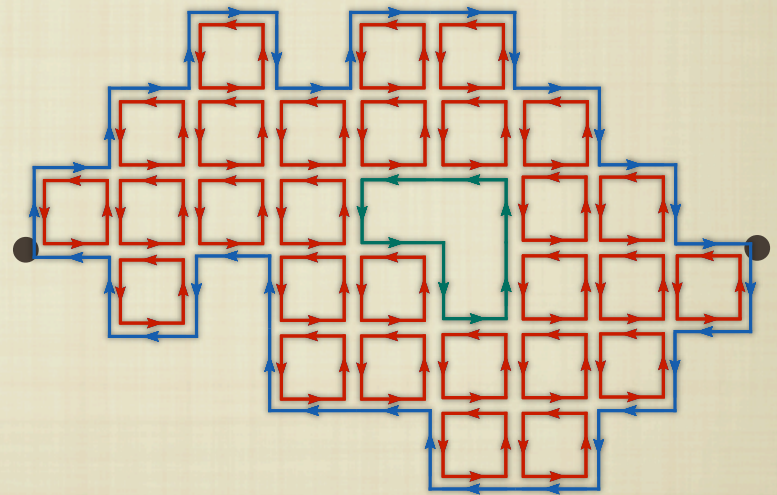
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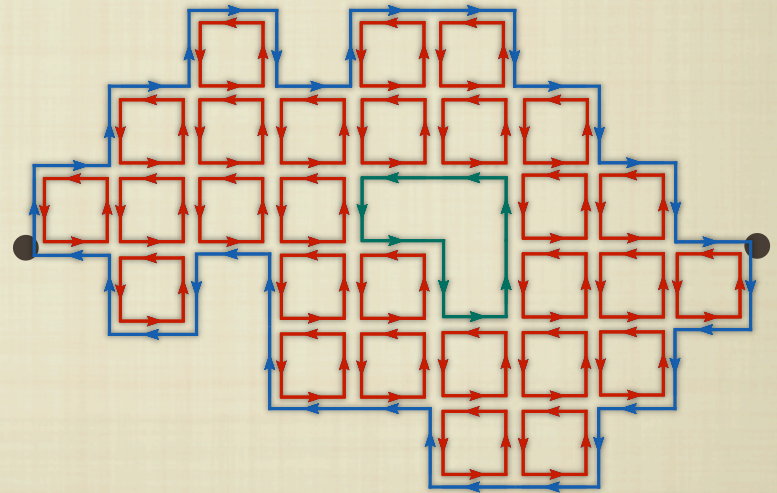
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- $32^3 \times 64$ lattices → 10^8 gluon variables



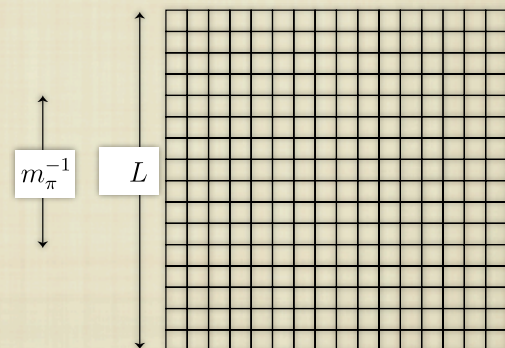
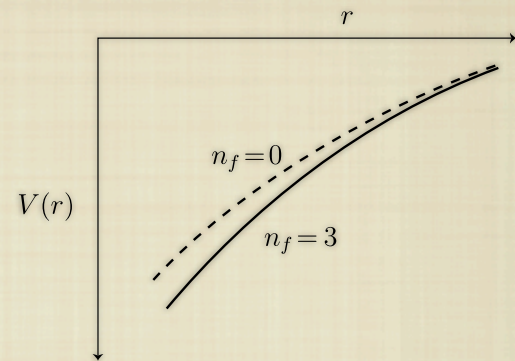
Computational Issues

- Fermion determinant - Full QCD
- Small lattice spacing
- Small quark mass
- Large lattice volume

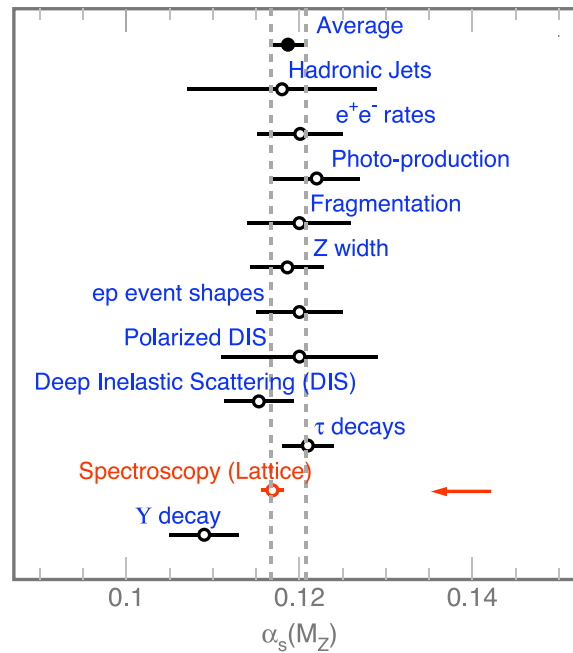
$$\frac{1}{m_\pi} \leq \frac{L}{4}$$

$L(\text{fm})$	m_π (Mev)
1.6	500
4.0	200
5.7	140

- $\text{Cost} \sim (m_\pi)^{-7} - (m_\pi)^{-9}$



Precision agreement in heavy quark systems



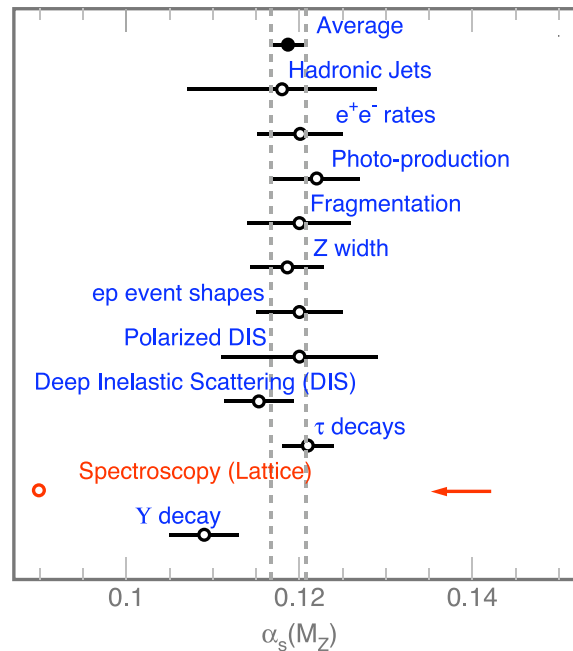
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And without light-quark vacuum polarization:

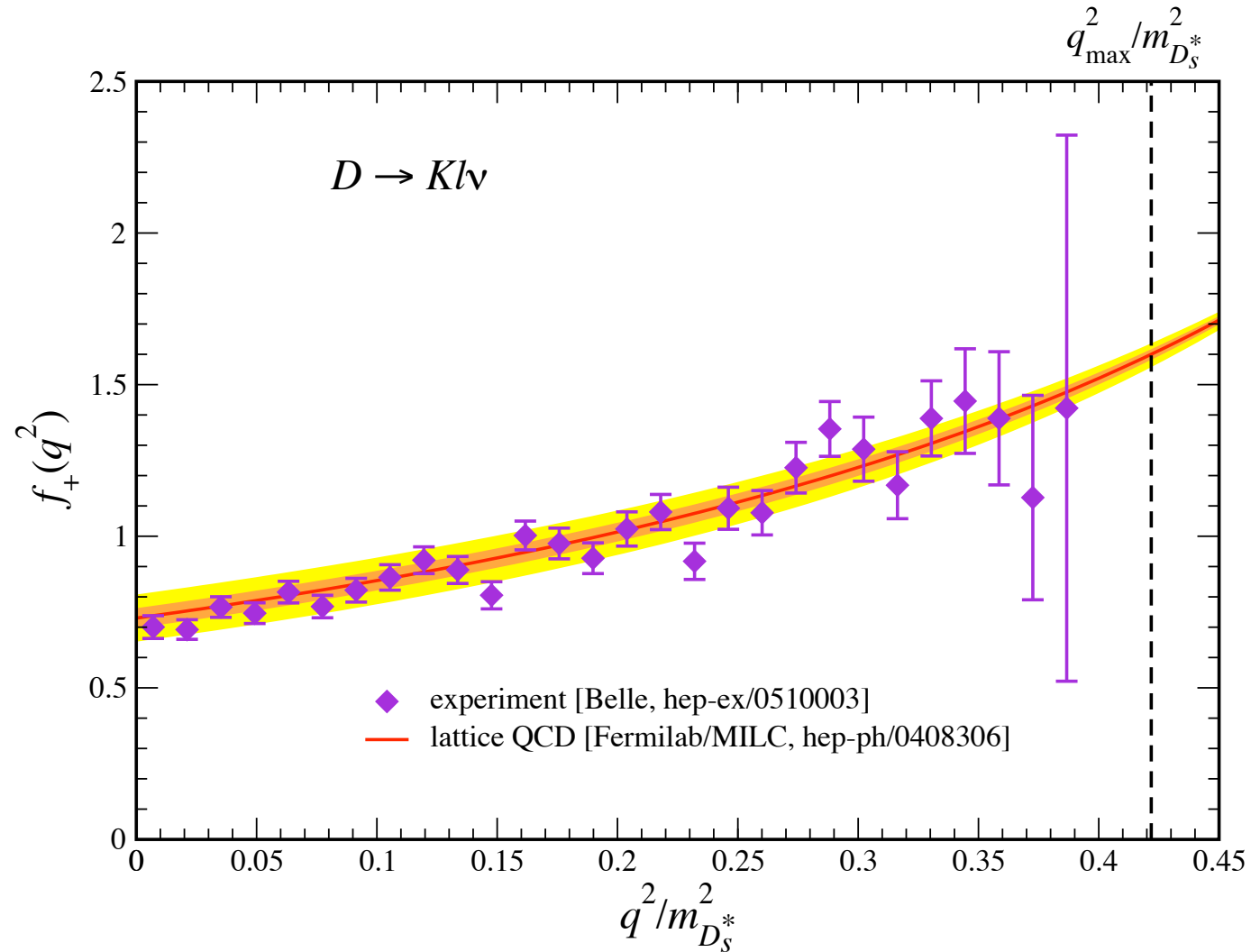


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Lattice QCD Predictions



Highlights of lattice results

- In 2006, lattice QCD, ~ 50 sustained Tflops-yrs devoted to lattice QCD
- Survey highlights in:
 - Hadron structure
 - QCD thermodynamics
 - Hadron interactions

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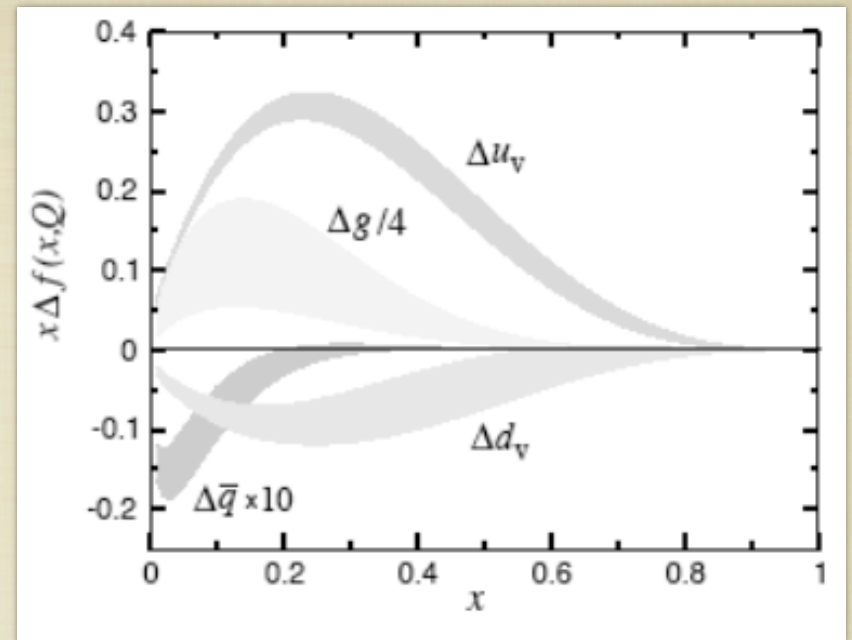
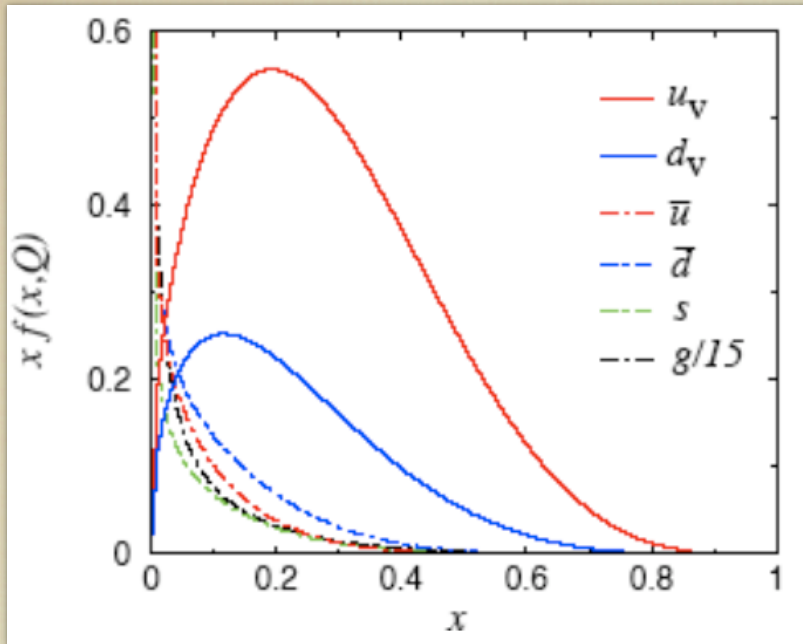
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Moments of parton distributions



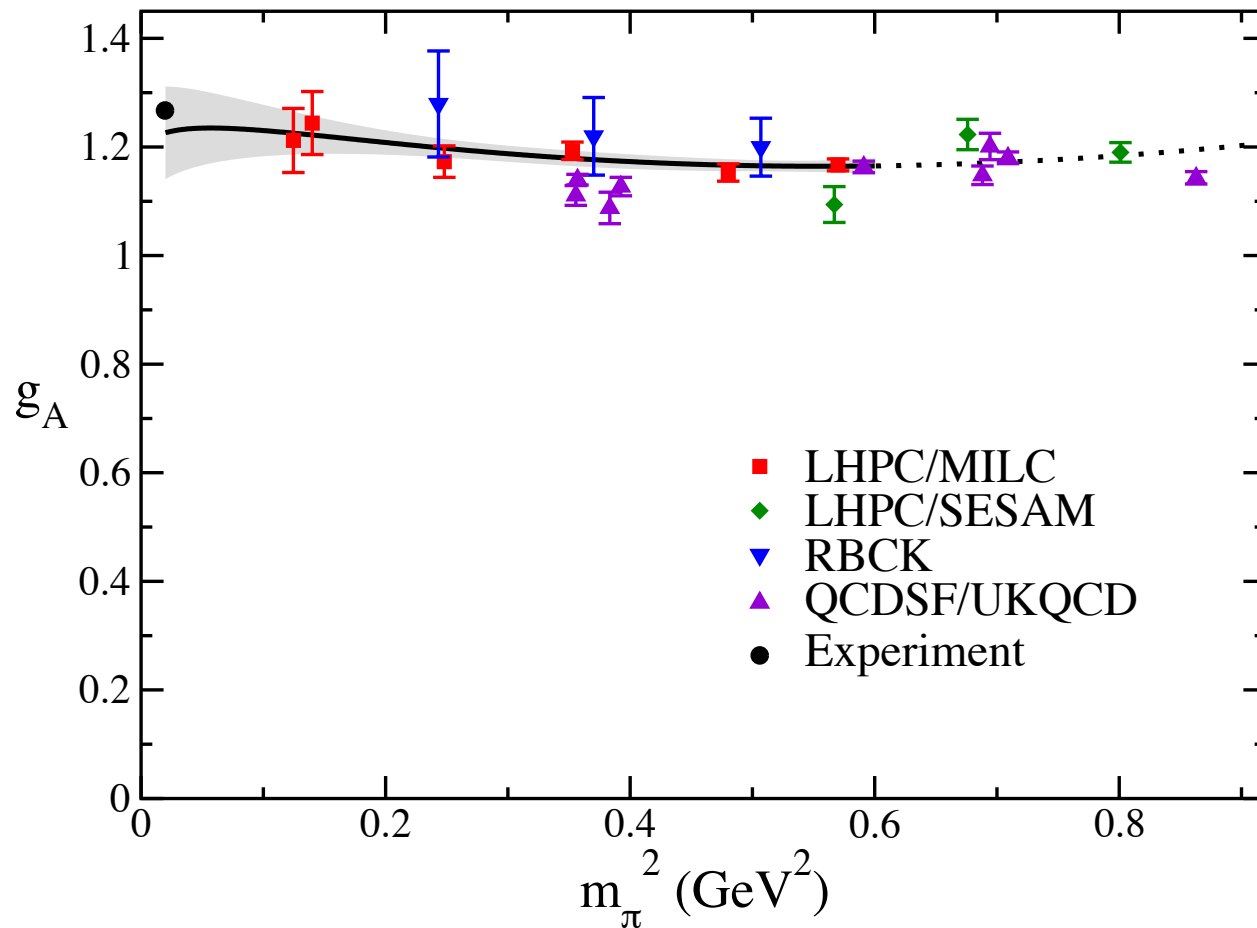
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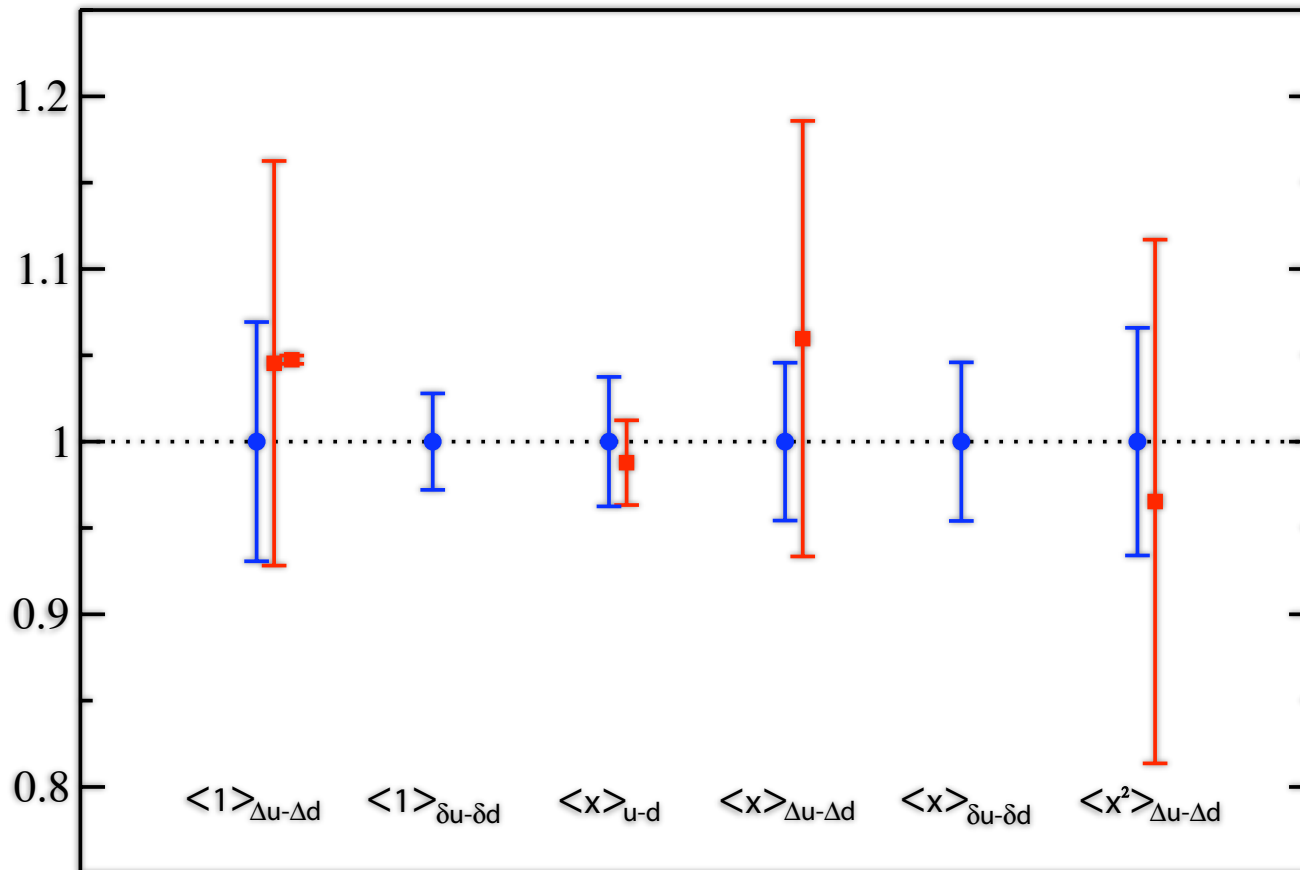
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where $q = q_{\uparrow} + q_{\downarrow}$, $\Delta q = q_{\uparrow} - q_{\downarrow}$, $\delta q = q_{\top} + q_{\perp}$,

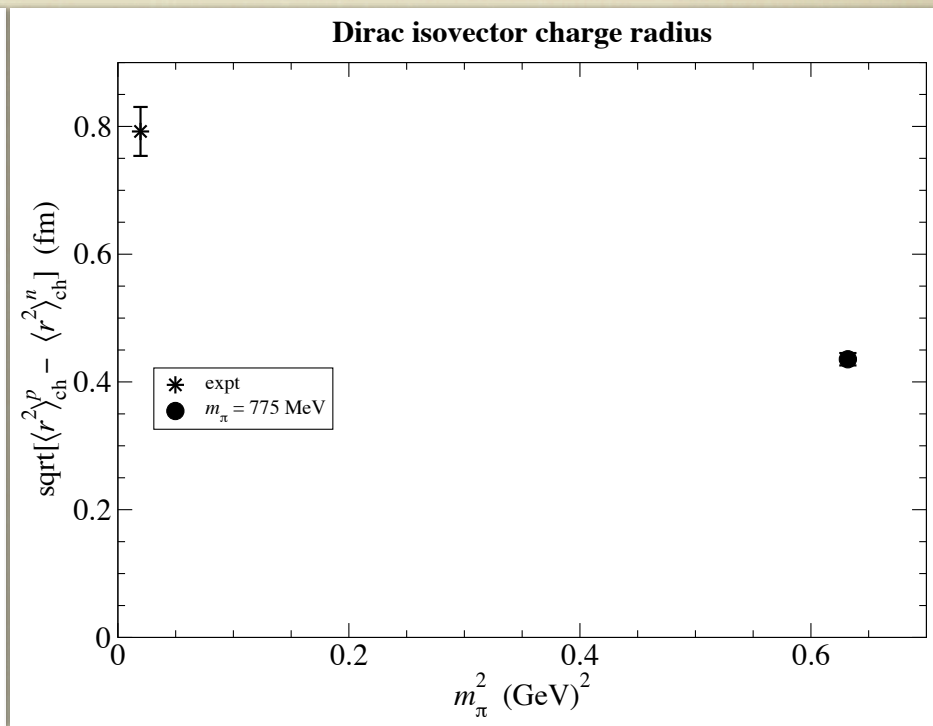
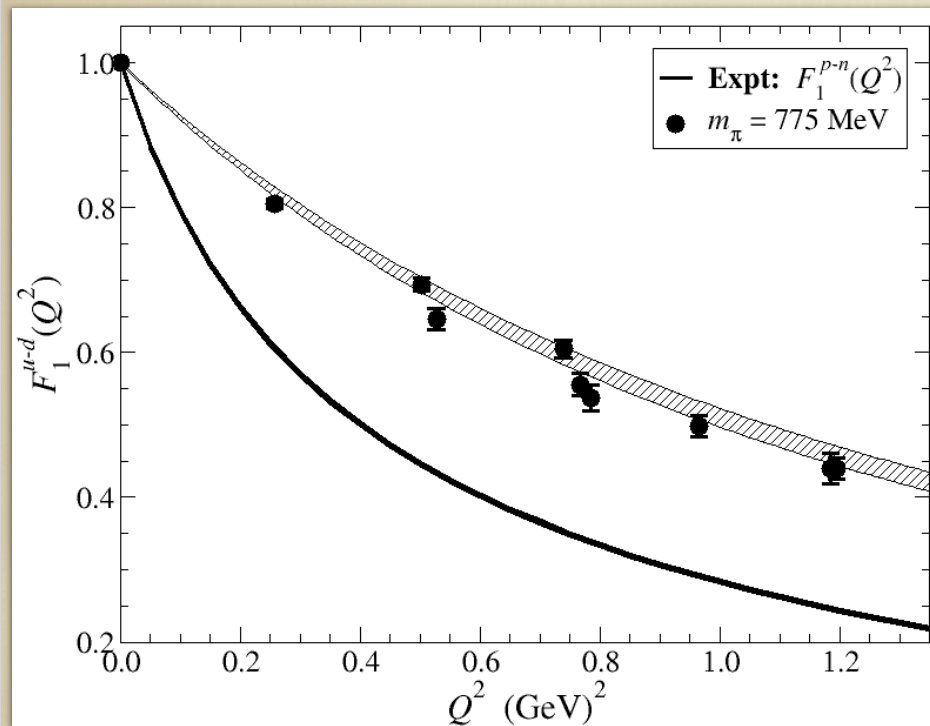
Nucleon axial charge g_A $\langle 1 \rangle_{\Delta q}^{u-d}$



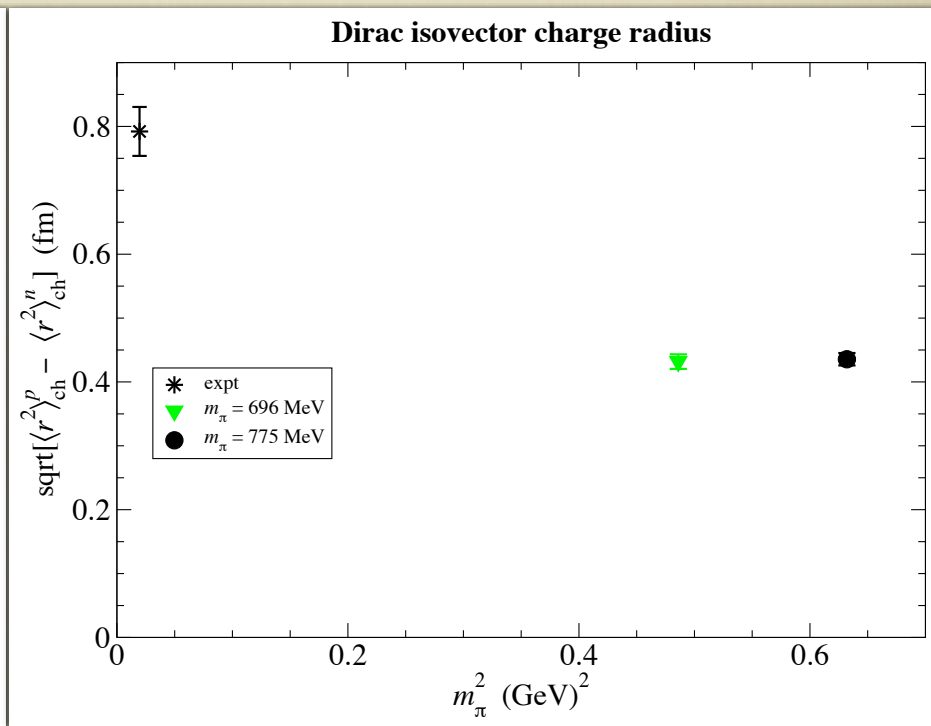
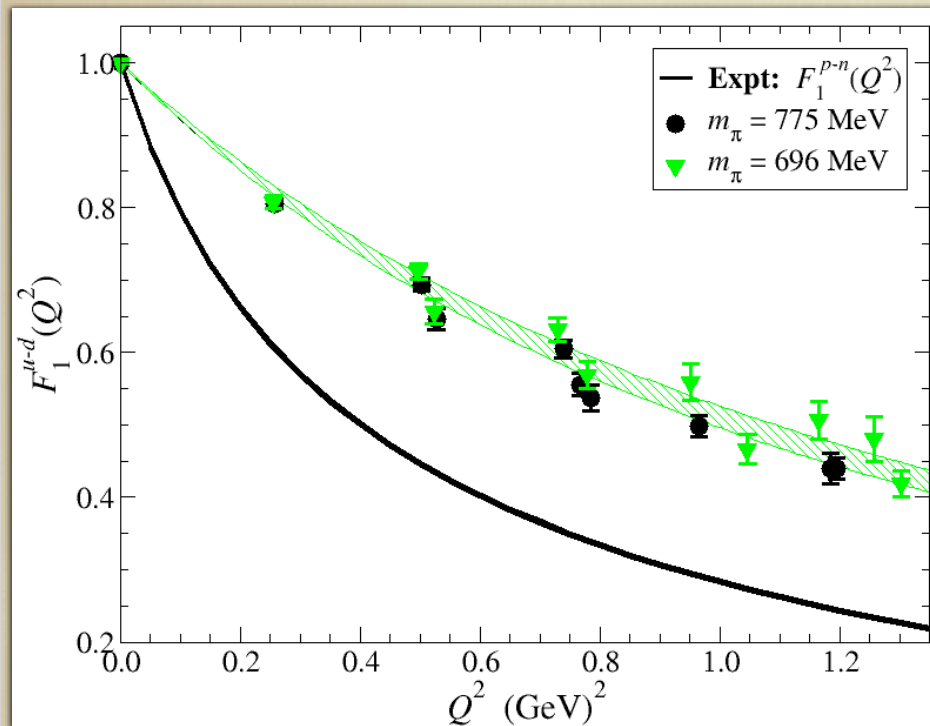
Chiral Extrapolation of Moments



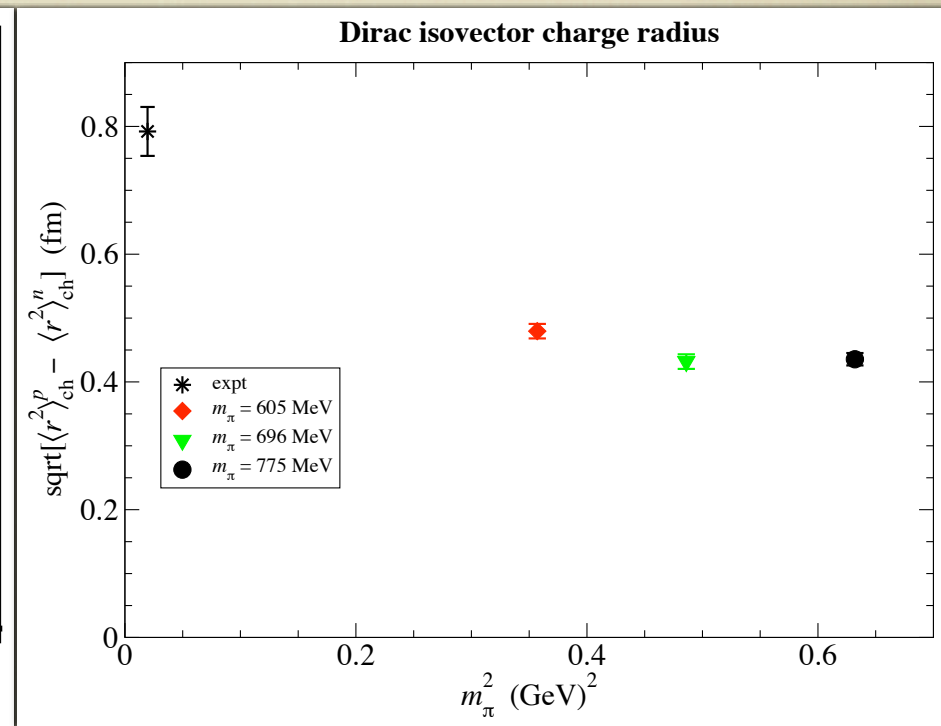
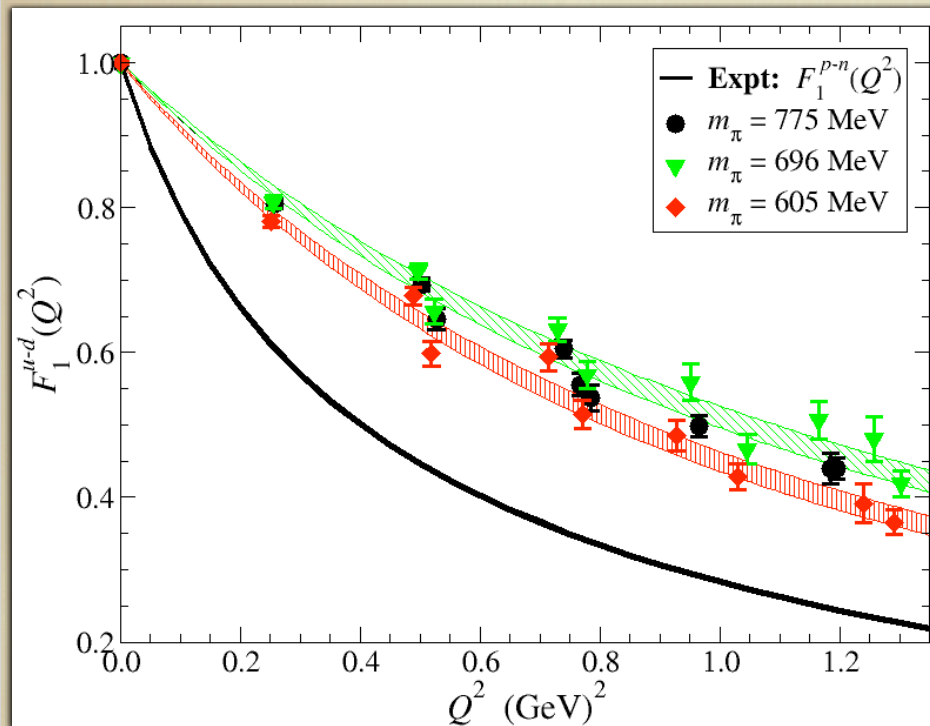
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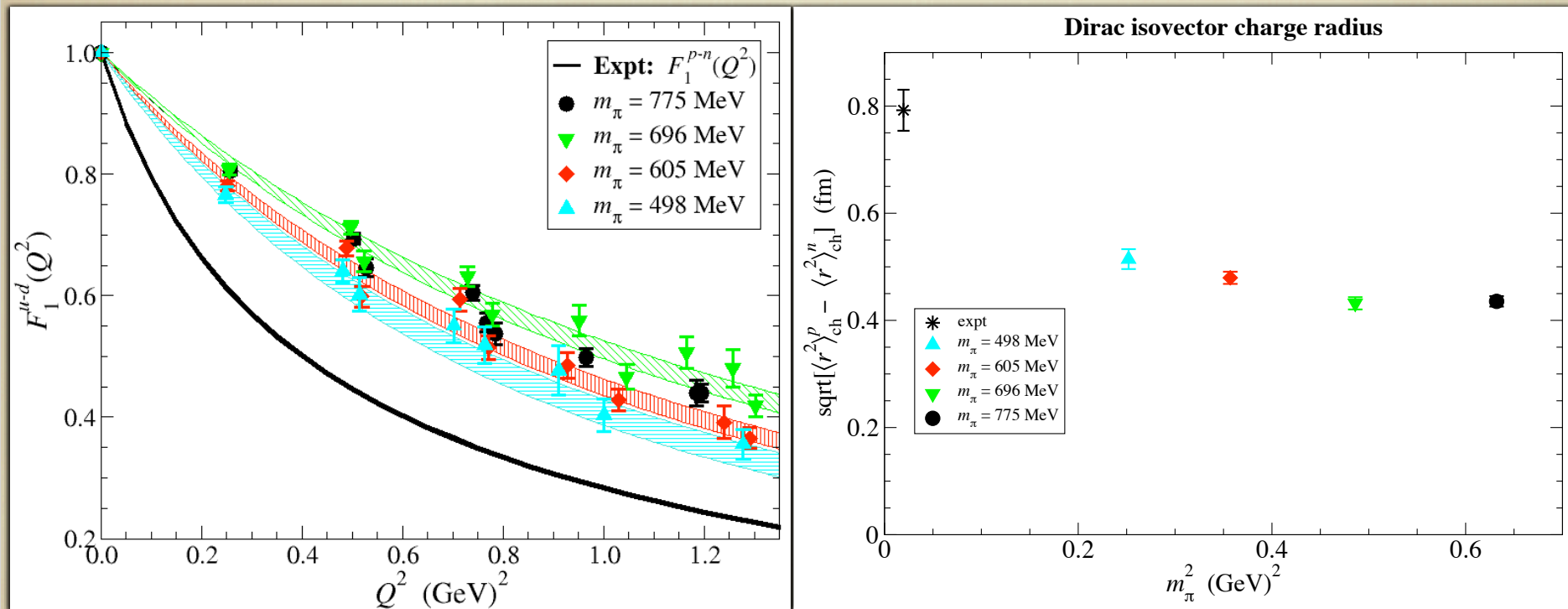
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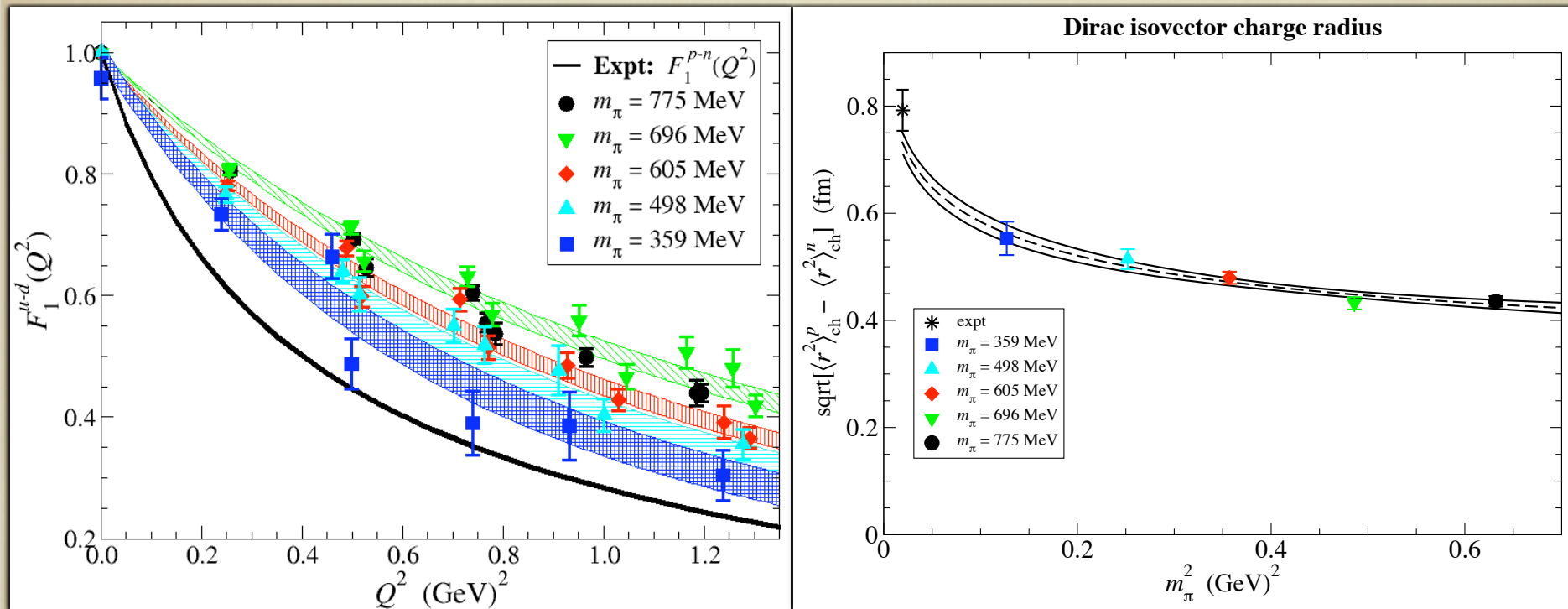
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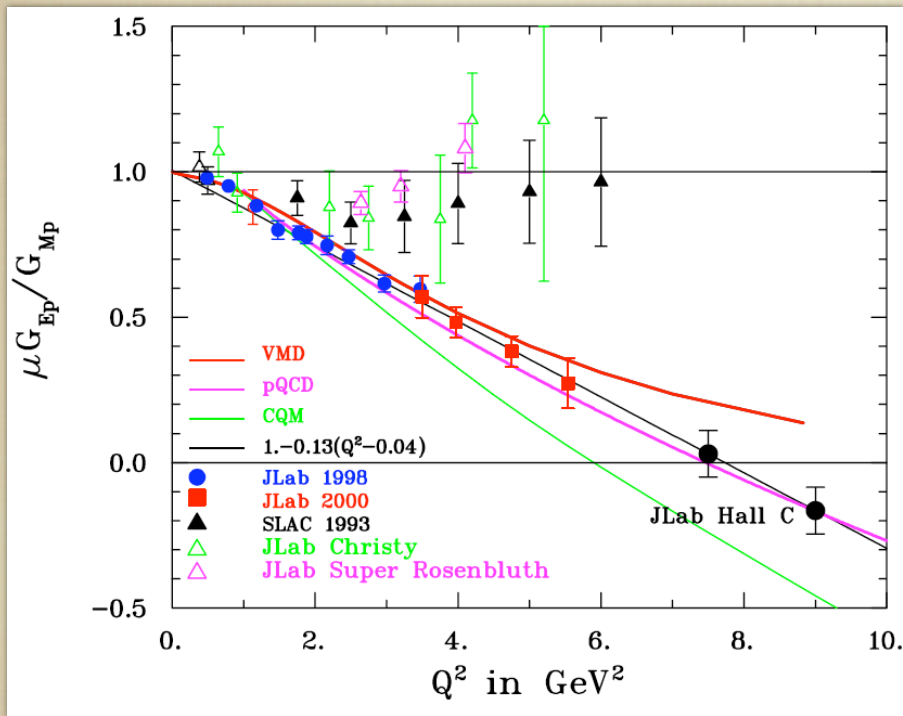


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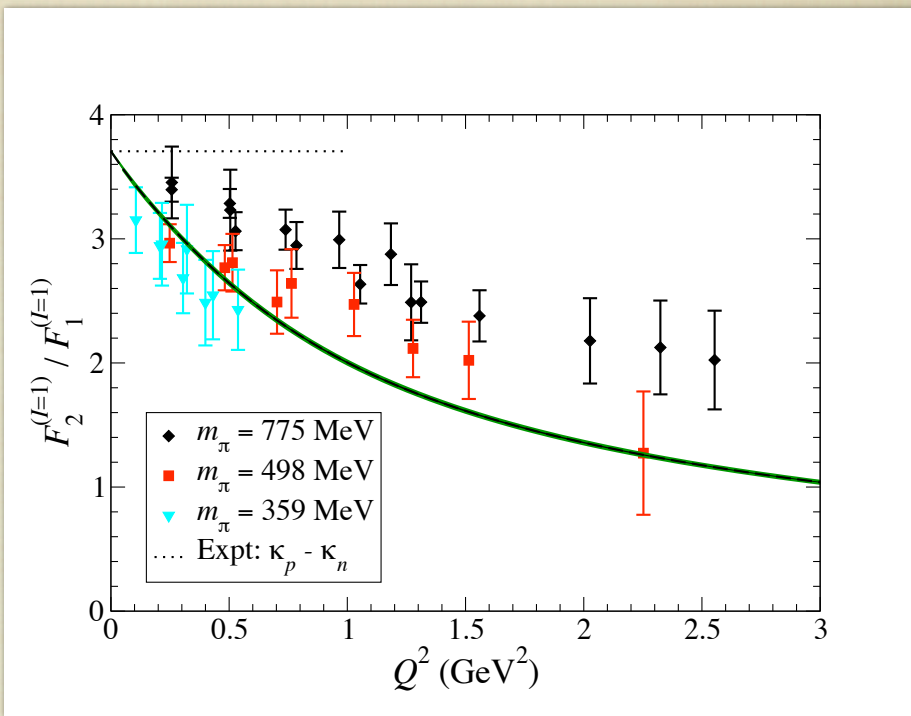


$$\langle r^2 \rangle^{u-d} = a_0 - \frac{(1 + 5g_A^2)}{(4\pi f_\pi)^2} \log \left(\frac{m_\pi^2}{m_\pi^2 + \Lambda^2} \right)$$

Form factor ratio: F_2 / F_1

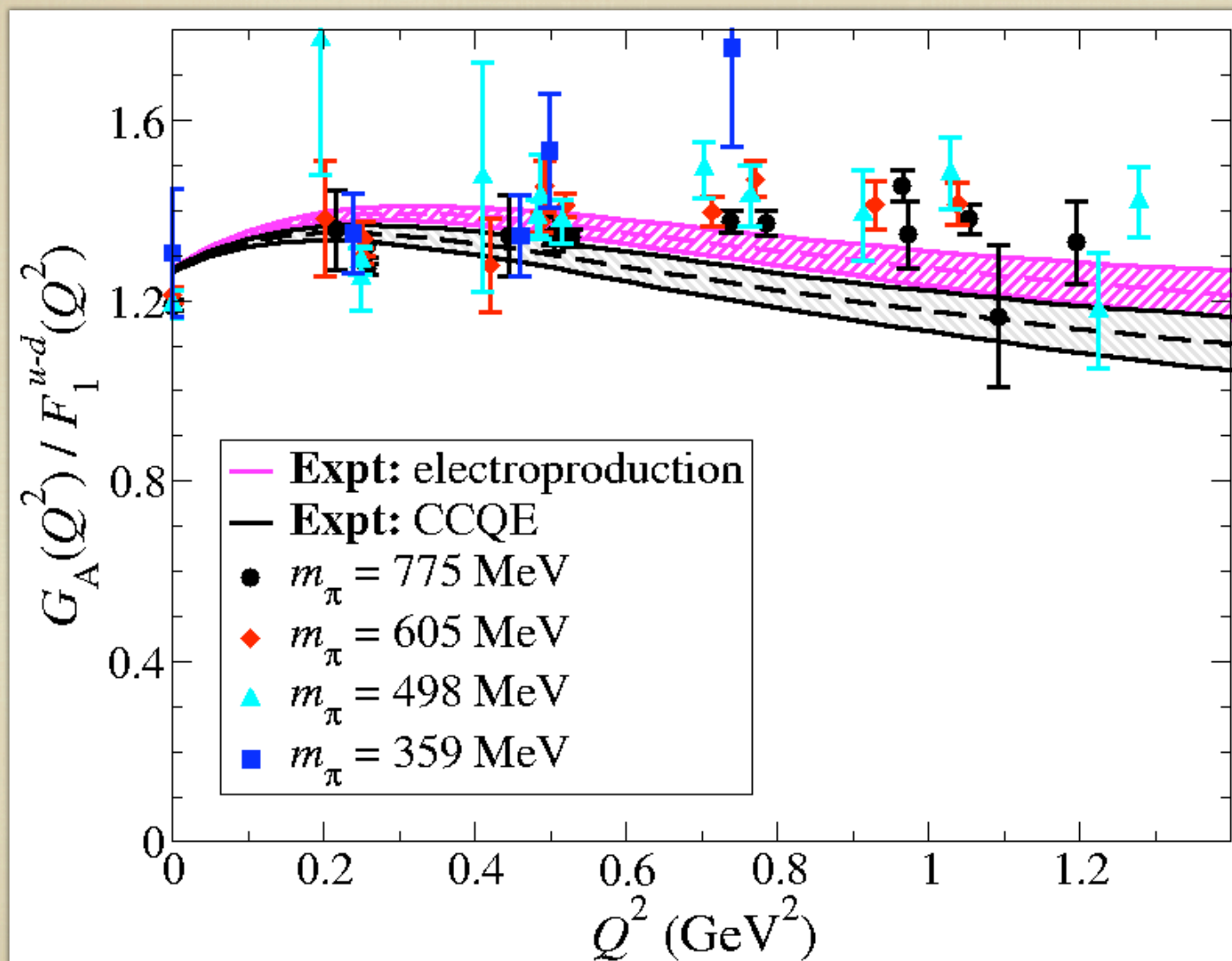


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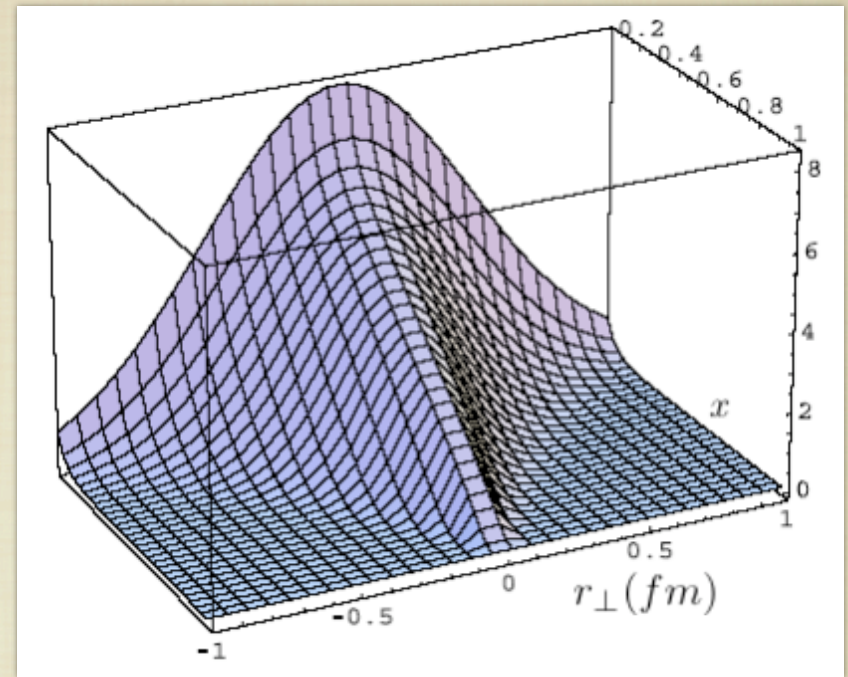
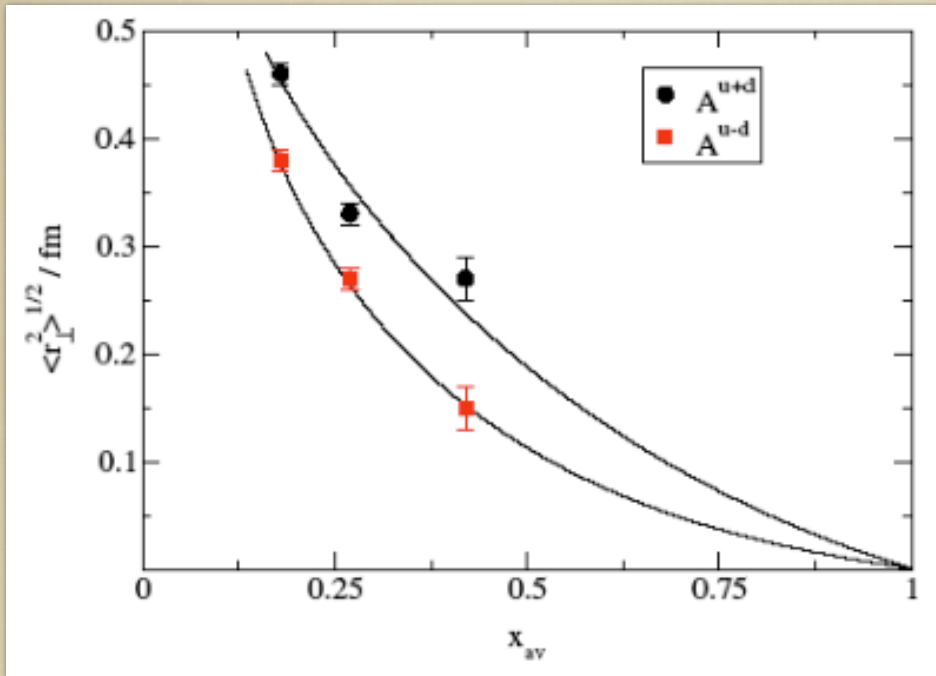


Lattice results

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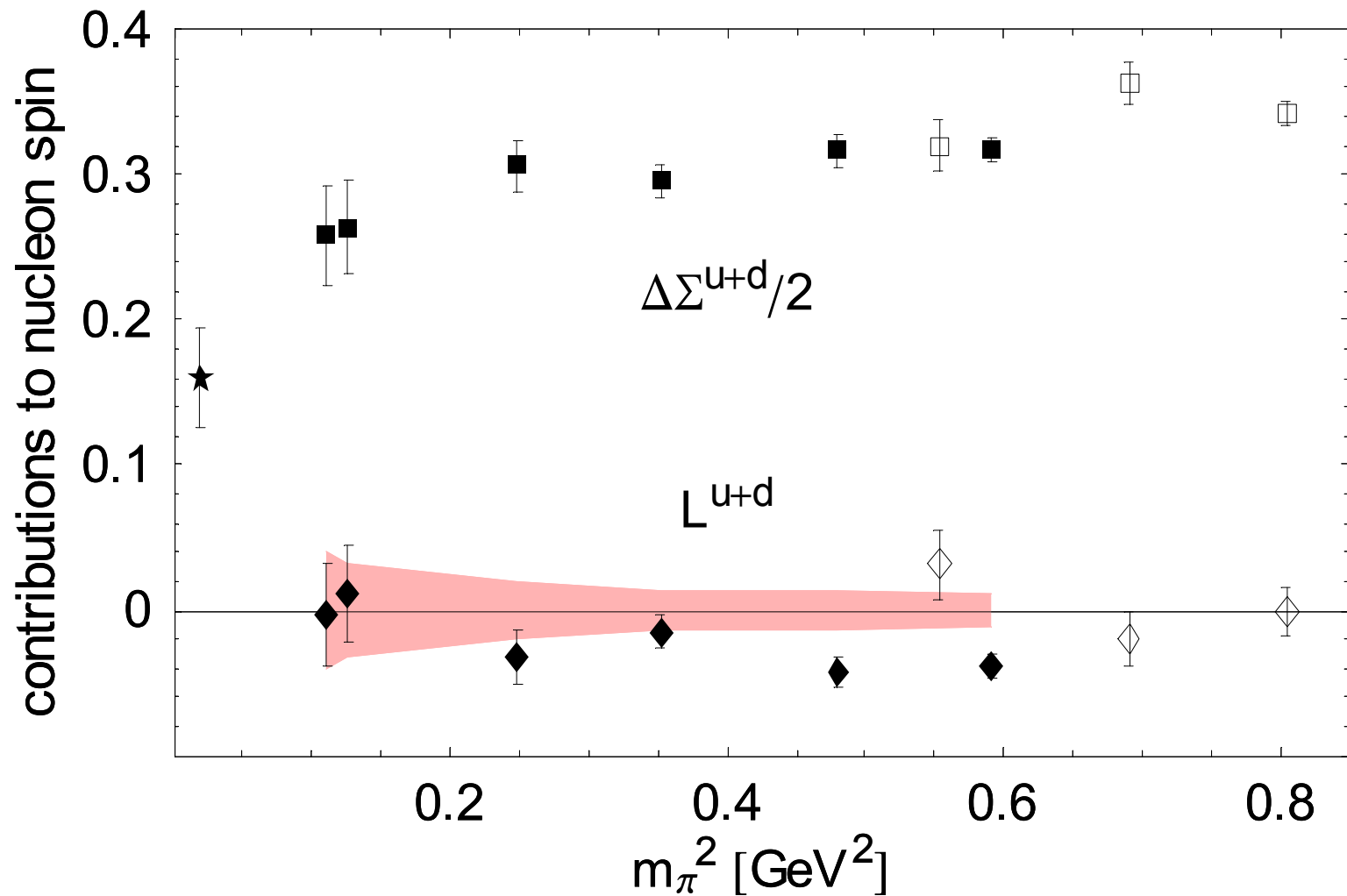
Transverse size of light-cone wave function



$$x_{\text{av}}^n = \frac{\int d^2 r_{\perp} \int dx x \cdot x^{n-1} q(x, \vec{r}_{\perp})}{\int d^2 r_{\perp} \int dx x^{n-1} q(x, \vec{r}_{\perp})}$$

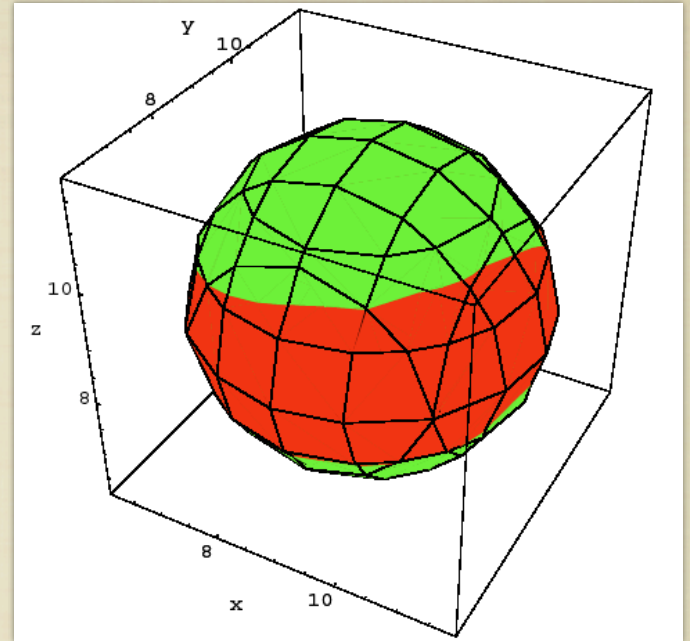
$q(x, \vec{r}_{\perp})$ model (Burkardt hep-ph/0207047)

Nucleon spin decomposition

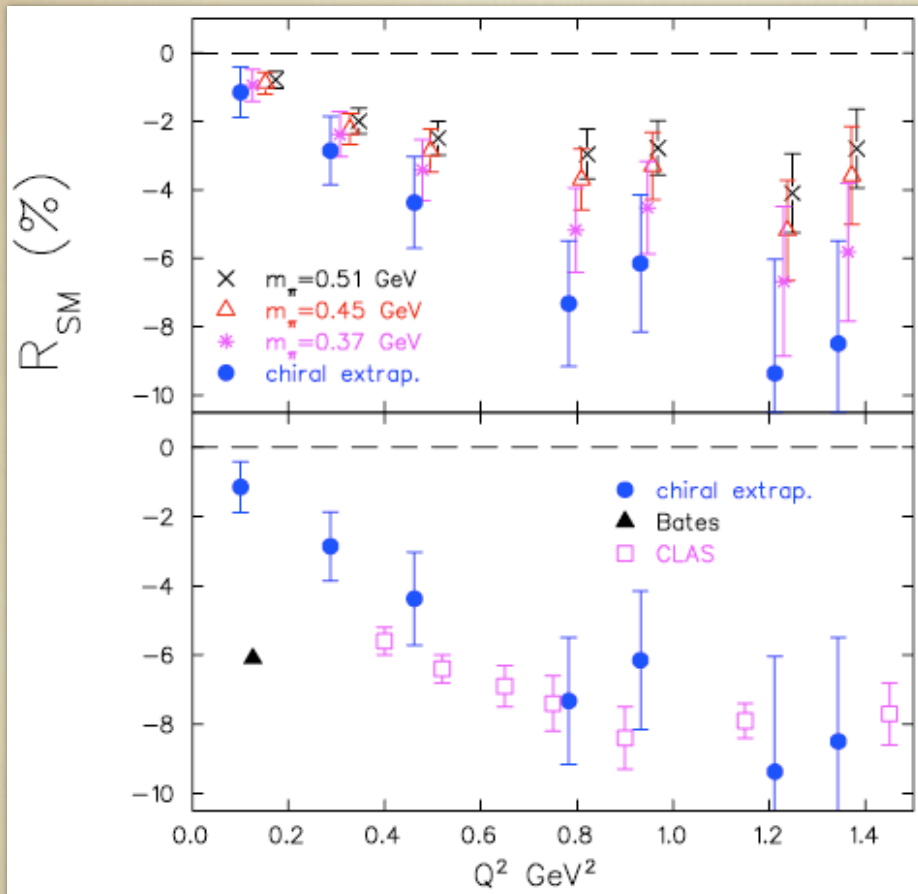


Baryon shapes

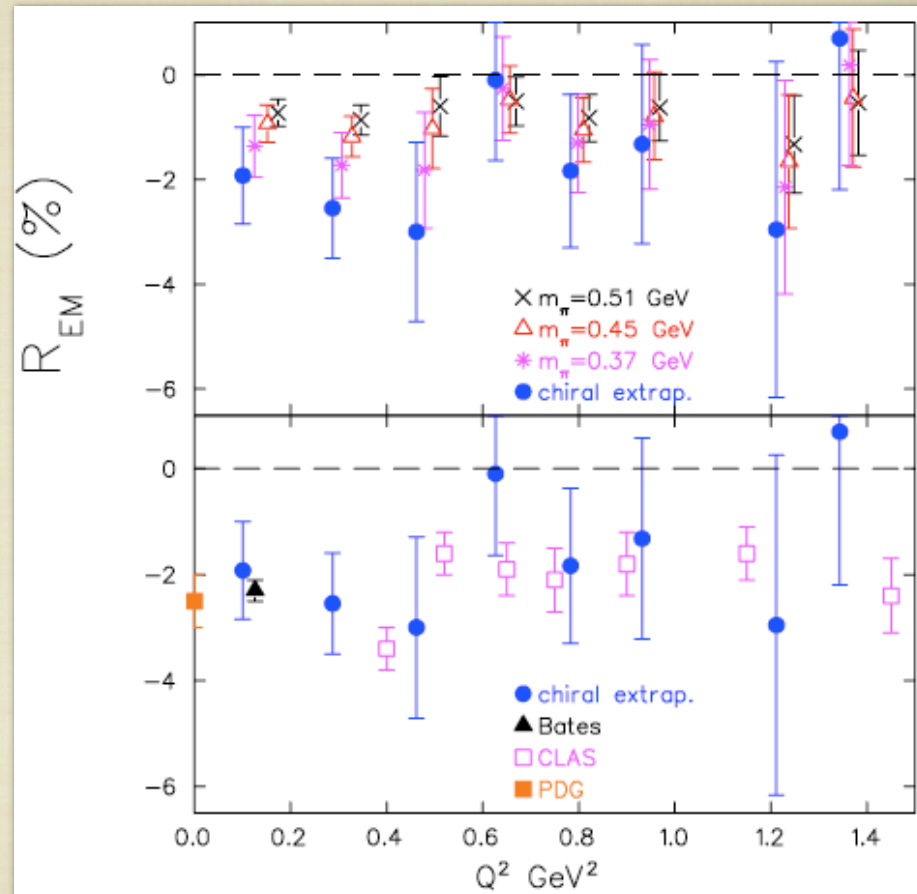
- Observe oblate deformation of spin $1/2$ Δ directly on lattice from density-density correlation function (Alexandrou, nucl-th/0311007)
- Infer deformation experimentally from $N \rightarrow \Delta$ transition form factor
- Dominant transition $M1$
- $C2$ and $E2$ would vanish if nucleon and Δ spherical



Electric and Coulomb transitions



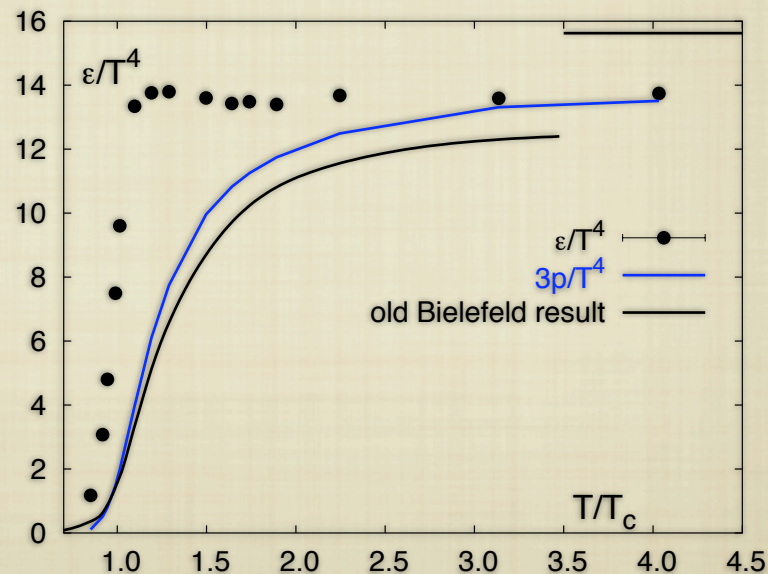
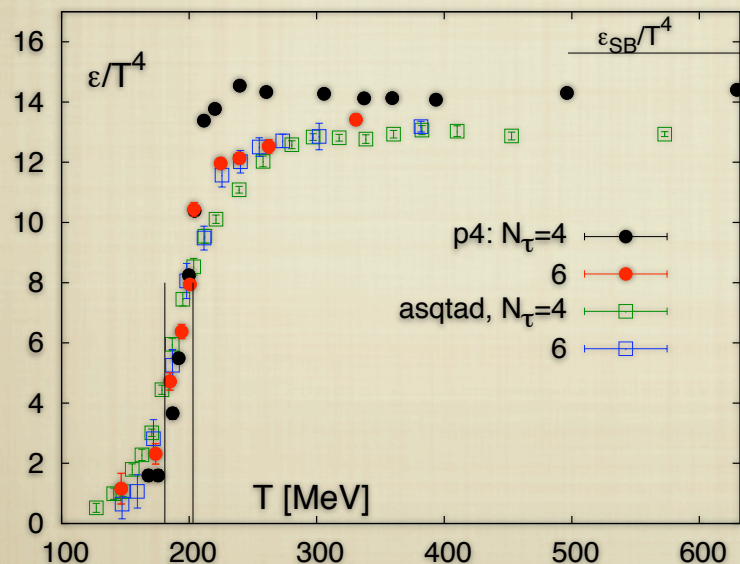
C2/M1



E2/M1

QCD Equation of State

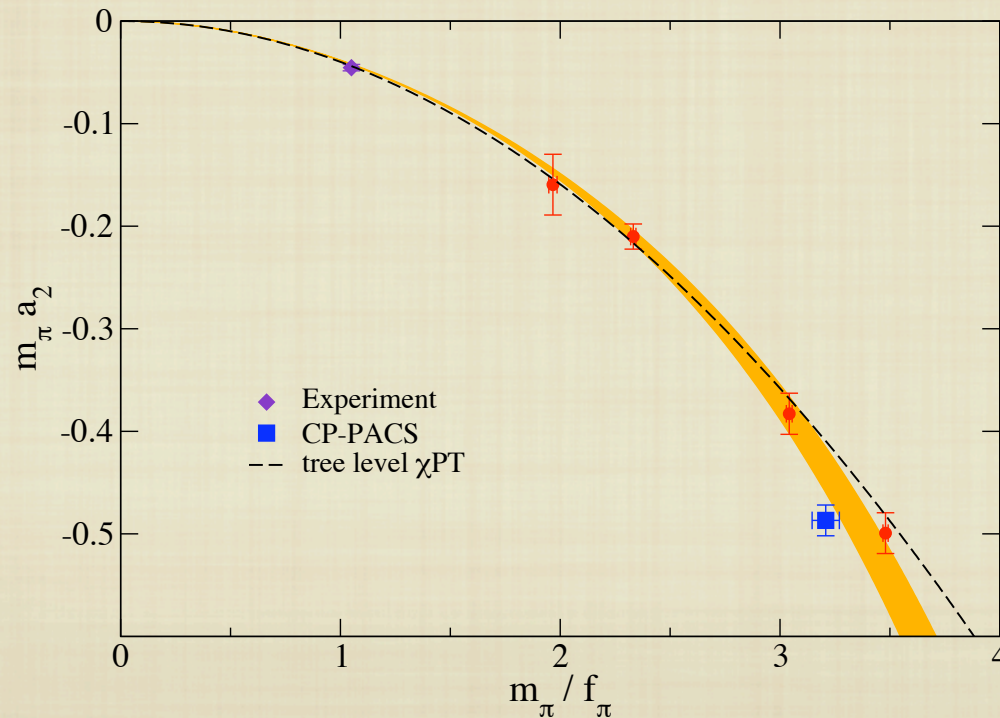
- RHIC explores the phases of QCD
 - Quark-gluon plasma above T_c , confined below
 - Equation of state governs collision dynamics
- Errors due to coarse lattice and large quark mass
- Currently, Soltz, Karsch et al. calculating $N = 8$ ($a \sim 0.13$ fm) on LLNL BG



$l = 2$ Pion scattering length

Calculate scattering length from energy variation with volume

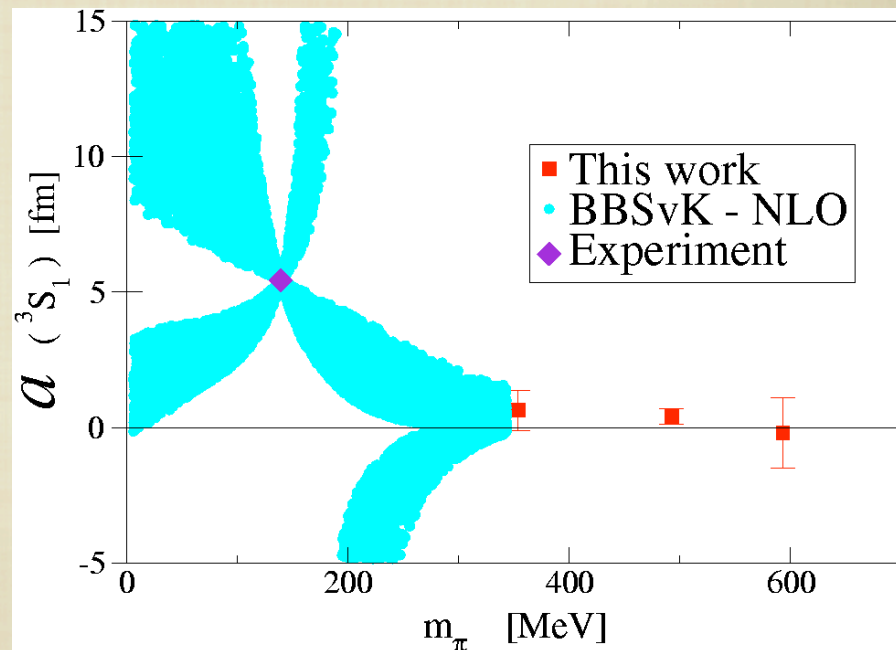
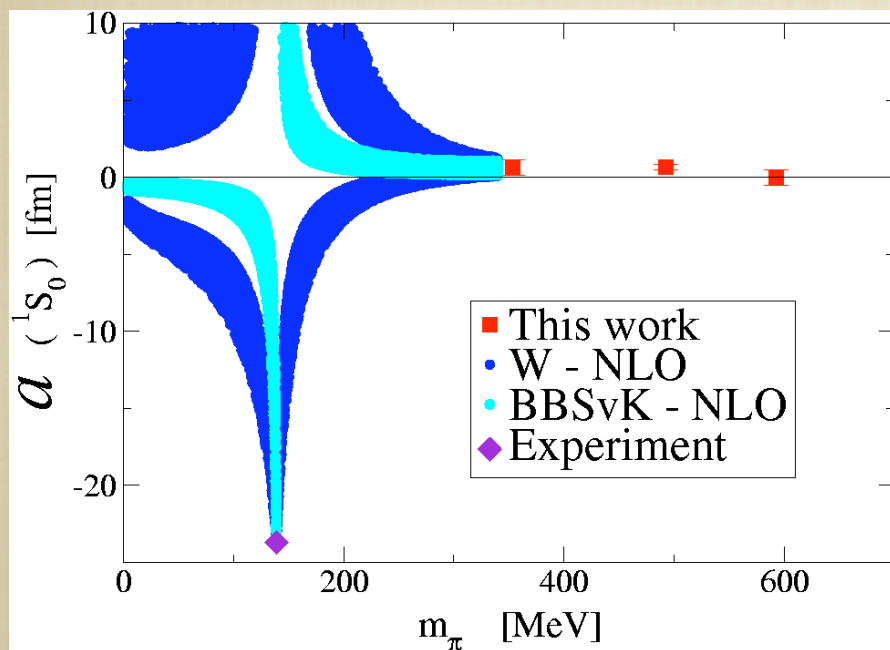
Extrapolate with chiral perturbation theory



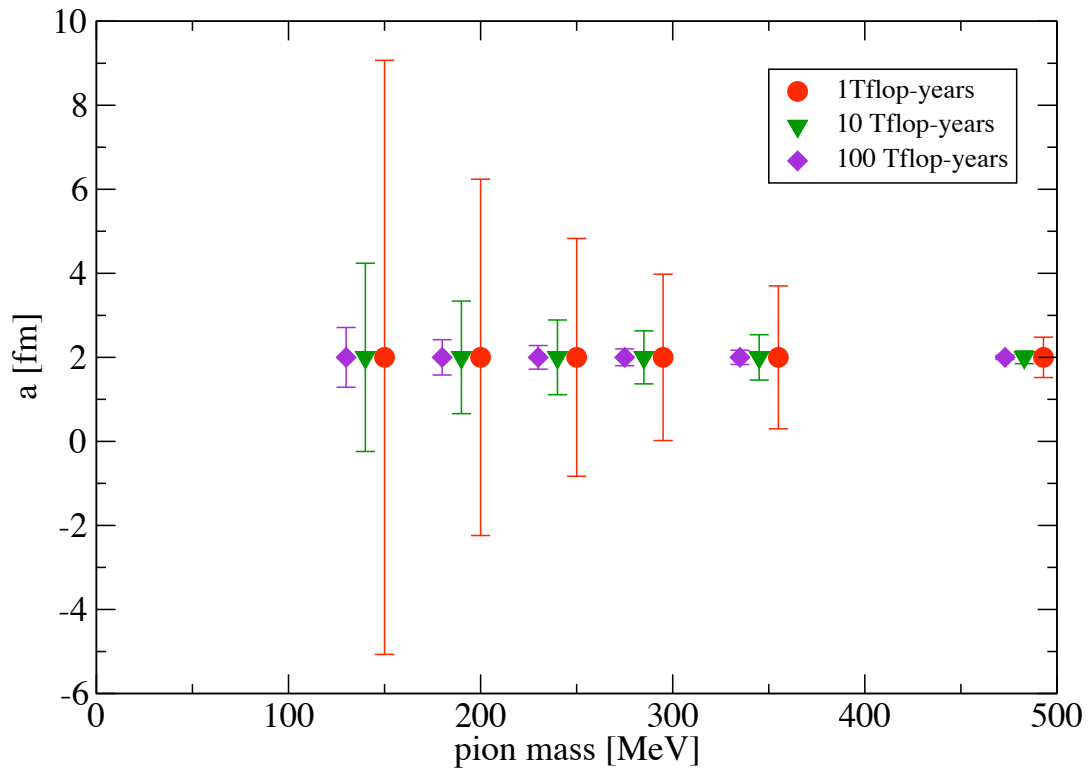
Nucleon-nucleon scattering length

Large N-N scattering length much more demanding

Requires calculation far closer to chiral limit



Nucleon interactions: projected errors

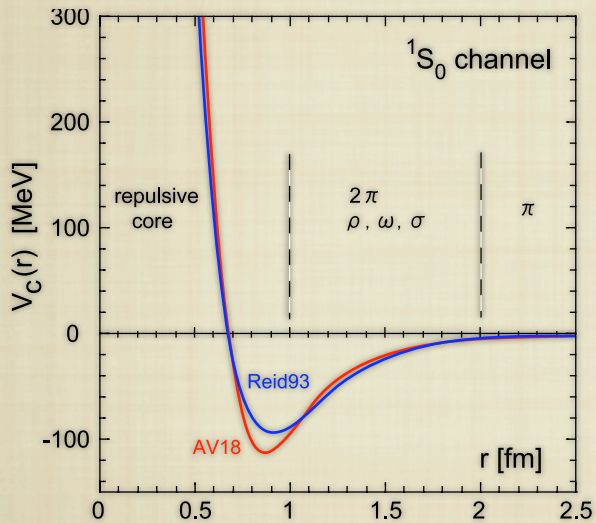


Errors on nucleon-nucleon scattering length as a function of computational resources [NPLQCD]

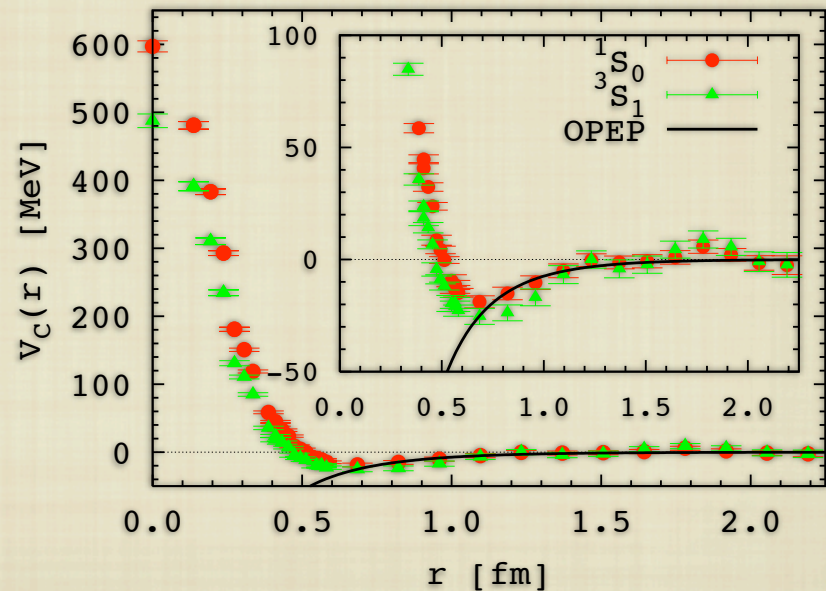
Nucleon-nucleon potential

Nucleon-nucleon potential defined from Bethe-Salpeter wave function calculated in quenched lattice QCD

Ishii, Aoki, Hatsuda, nucl-th/0611096



phenomenology



quenched lattice QCD

Future Prospects

What can one imagine doing in lattice QCD with Petaflops?
With Exaflops?

- Precision understanding of quark and gluon structure of nucleons
 - Spectrum of low-lying mesons and baryons, including exotics, and their production form factors
- Equation of state of matter at finite baryon density?
 - Understand QCD phase diagram and neutron stars
- Quantitative understanding of n-n interactions?
- Light nuclei??
 - Combine effective field theory and lattice calculations
- Fundamental input to heavy nuclei???
 - Use parameters of effective field theory in ab initio nuclear many-body calculations

Capability Hardware

- ❑ QCD has always driven the development of capability hardware
- ❑ QCD Teraflops Project 1992
 - ❑ MIT LCS, Physics, Lincoln, TMC, 40 QCD physicists
- ❑ QC DSP 1993-1998 Columbia University
 - ❑ 0.6Tf peak, 0.18 sustained, \$10/sustained Mf, Bell Prize
 - ❑ DSP based, low power, mesh communications
 - ❑ After completion, Alan Gara joined IBM Watson
- ❑ QCDOC (QCD On a Chip)
 - ❑ Columbia, RIKEN BNL, Edinburgh, IBM
 - ❑ 10Tf peak, ~4Tf sustained, ~\$1/sustained Mf
 - ❑ Processor, memory, comm. controller on chip

Capability Hardware

- Blue Gene/L
 - Al Gara recognized commercial potential, recruited Dong Chen, James Sexton, Pavlos Vranas
 - QCDOC concept, added:
 - tree network
 - 2 proc/node, 2 fpu/proc.
- QCD physicists interacting strongly with IBM on BG/Q
- Studying future options with $O(100)$ cores/chip

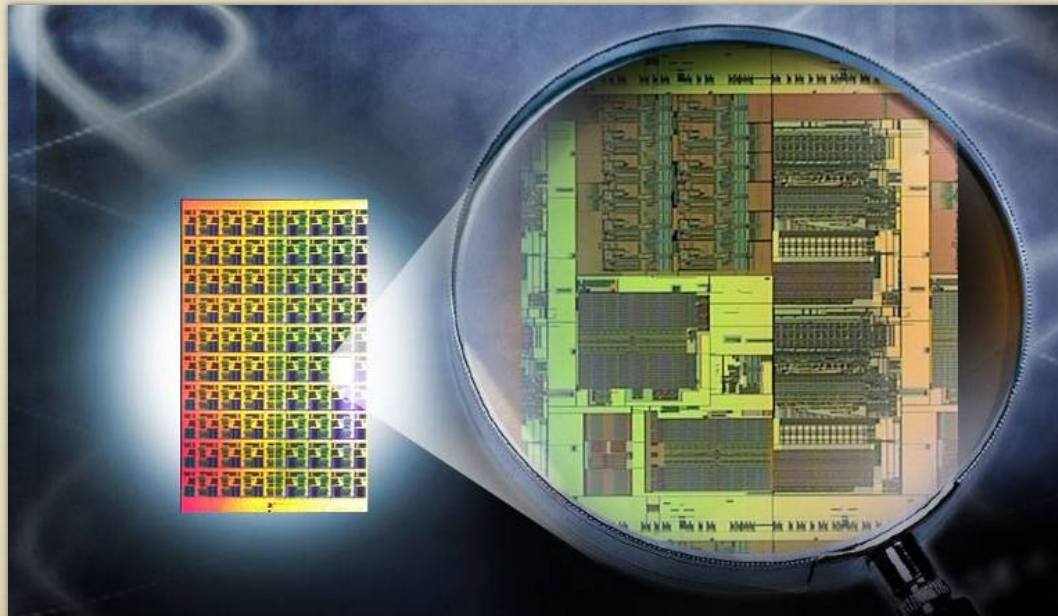


Optimized platform-independent software

- ❑ Layered SciDAC API
 - ❑ High level platform independent physics code
 - ❑ Low level routines optimized to each platform
- ❑ Metaprograming -
facilitate optimization on evolving architectures
 - ❑ QDP
 - ❑ Vector abstraction
 - ❑ Q language
 - ❑ Cache oblivious algorithms
- ❑ Both highly relevant to ASC

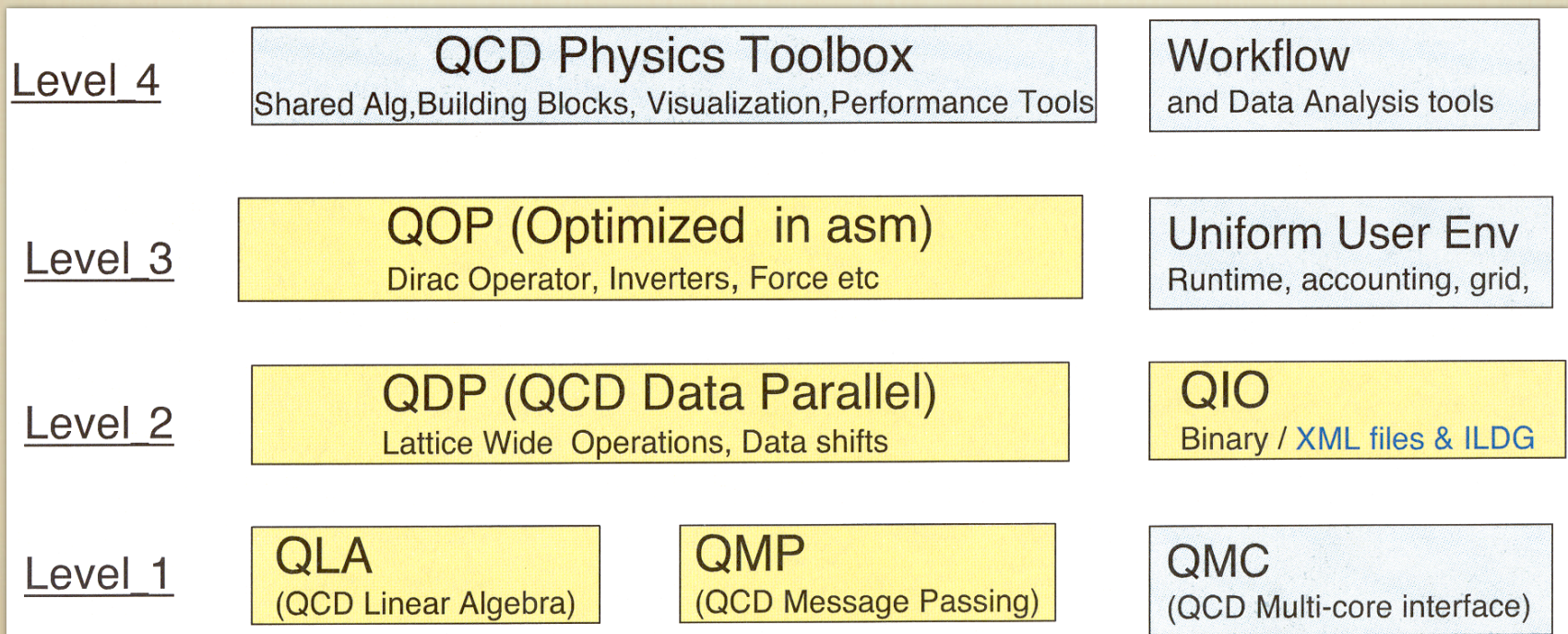
Multicore

- ❑ Essential to design software with appropriate structure and abstractions to better exploit emerging multicore architectures
- ❑ Example: Intel's 2-11-07 announcement of 80 core chip achieving 1.01 Tflops at 3.16 Ghz with 62 watts



SciDAC API

- 5 year SciDAC software effort - continue in SciDAC-2
 - Avoid duplication of effort, rewriting for new systems
 - Massive resource needs motivates high efficiency
- Runs on
 - Intel, AMD, Power PC processors
 - BG, Cray XT3, clusters, QCDOC

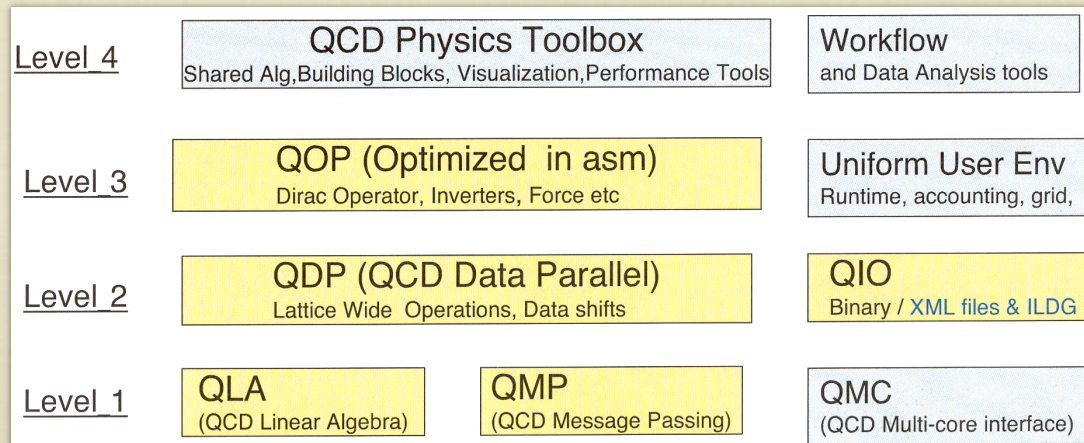


Metaprogramming

- ❑ Facilitate optimization on evolving sequence of architectures - moving target
 - ❑ Expressive power
 - ❑ Appropriate abstractions
 - ❑ Optimization tools
- ❑ Example: QDP QCD Data Parallel layer

QDP - data parallel layer

- Viewed from above, see parallel data flow
- QMP simpler than MPI
- Hence, we can implement it more efficiently



Vector abstraction

- ❑ Back to the future with vector features
 - ❑ SSE extended instructions (graphics) X86 Intel and AMD
 - ❑ Altivec Power PC
 - ❑ BG/L Double Hummer

ops/clock	SSE	Altivec	Double Hummer	QCDOC
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DP	2		2	
no vector	1	1	1	1

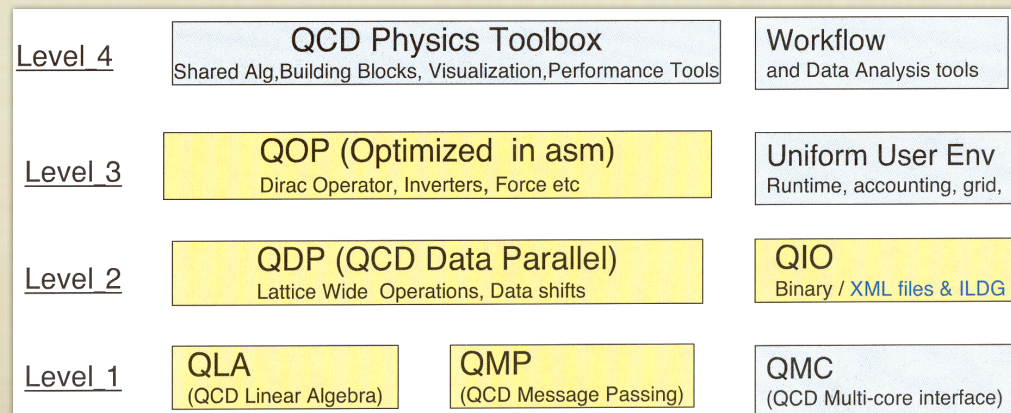
Vector abstraction

- ❑ Pochinsky ported gcc compiler producing optimized vector code on BG/L double hummer and all other Scidac platforms
- ❑ Algorithmic observation for Conjugate Gradient
 - ❑ On SSE and Altivec, first solve in SP, correct in DP
 - ❑ Example ~2000 iter SP + ~20 iter DP
 - ❑ Built into SciDAC software - DP at half the cost or less on some platforms.
- ❑ Still need to implement BG complex ($a * b + c$)

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Q language

- ❑ Pochinsky wrote Q to integrate QDP into its language features
- ❑ Used to generate some QLA routines.
- ❑ In future, generalize as tool for optimized low level routines on BG/P, BG/Q

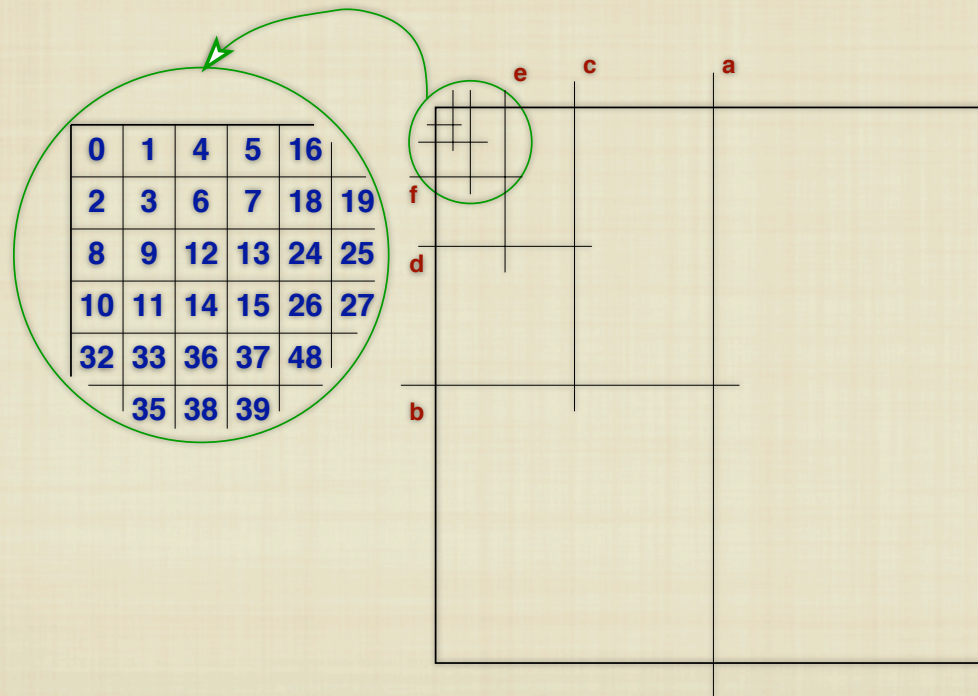


Cache oblivious algorithms

- ❑ Memory bandwidth is crucial limitation
 - ❑ Most chips designed for sweet spot in marketplace, not cycle-mongers like us
 - ❑ QCDOC → BG/L
4 x processing power, but not 4 x bandwidth
 - ❑ Algorithms already organized for maximum reuse
- ❑ Efficient utilization of (small) on-chip cache essential
 - ❑ Meticulous hand coding excruciating
 - ❑ Observe huge layout dependence without it

Cache oblivious algorithms

- Pochinsky is organizing layout to be optimal for any cache



MIT Blue Gene Project

- ❑ Working with SciDAC collaborators, Pochinsky and Khoriaty have ported all relevant SciDAC software to BG/L
- ❑ Pochinsky is developing tools, including gcc compiler and Q, for porting to BG/P and Q
- ❑ Pochinsky has written optimized Level 3 inverter for BG/L
- ❑ Jahn is developing an optimized eigenvalue solver for BG/L
- ❑ Pochinsky and JN are completing an intellectual property agreement between MIT and IBM providing access to proprietary information required for further optimization



Ambitions for the Future

- ❑ Solve increasingly difficult fundamental QCD problems
 - ❑ Nucleons and equation of state at zero density
 - ❑ Nuclear interactions and e.o.s. at non-zero density
 - ❑ Potential for fundamental input to calculations of nuclei
- ❑ Continue to push the envelope on capacity architectures
 - ❑ Interact strongly with IBM on BG/Q
 - ❑ Explore future options with $O(100)$ cores/chip
- ❑ Implement vision of platform independent optimized software
 - ❑ Complete the SciDAC API
 - ❑ Develop metaprogramming and automated optimization tools
 - ❑ Transfer as much as possible to ASC community
- ❑ Attract gifted graduate students into computational science